

CHAPTER NO. 135

HOUSE BILL NO. 3385

By Representative Ferguson

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3383

By Senator Davis

AN ACT to amend Chapter 77 of the Private Acts of 1959; as amended by Chapter 134 of the Private Acts of 1965; Chapter 290, of the Private Acts of 1980; Chapters 312, 323, and 380 of the Private Acts of 1982; and any other acts amendatory thereto, to create and establish Part II of the General Sessions Court in Roane County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 77 of the Private Acts of 1959, as amended by Chapter 134 of the Private Acts of 1965, Chapter 290 of the Private Acts of 1980, Chapters 312, 323, and 380 of the Private Acts of 1982, and all other acts amendatory thereto, is hereby amended by deleting Section 15 thereof in its entirety, and substituting therefor the following:

Section 15. Beginning September 1, 1998, the court shall be divided into Part I and Part II, and there shall be two judges for the Court. Each judge shall have all the qualifications as prescribed by law for the Circuit Court Judges, shall take the oath prescribed for Circuit Court Judges, and shall have all the jurisdiction conferred upon the Judge of the General Sessions Court of Roane County, whether by general law or private act, specifically including but not limited to, jurisdiction to hear all juvenile cases and to hear the probate and administration of wills and estates conferred under Private Acts of 1982, Chapters 312, 323, and 380, as amended. The present judge of the court shall become the Judge of Part I of the court for the remainder of his current term in office. At the August, 1998 General Election, a Judge of Part I and a Judge of Part II of the court shall each be popularly elected to an individual initial eight (8) year term, and to eight (8) year terms thereafter, and shall take office on September 1 following the election. The Judge of Part I shall be the Senior Judge from September 1, 1998 until August 31, 2000, the Judge of Part II shall be the Senior Judge from September 1, 2000 until August 31, 2001, and thereafter the designation of Senior Judge shall alternate annually between the judges of the court. The Senior Judge shall be vested with the authority to assign for trial and disposition all matters, suits and cases which may be filed with the court.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the County Legislative Body of Roane County. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the Presiding Officer of the County Legislative Body of Roane County and certified by said officer to the Secretary of State.

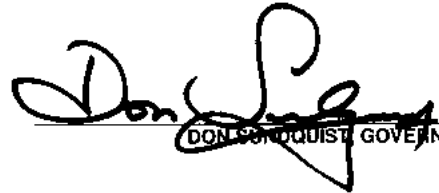
SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejection the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming approved as provided in Section 2.

PASSED: March 18, 1998


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 30th day of March 1998


DON SNOGRASS, GOVERNOR